



Career and Technical Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the April 3, 2015 Meeting

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee held a meeting on Friday, April 3, 2015 at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Peter Geiger; Committee Chair; Board Members Alan Burton and Alyssa Wardwell (by phone); Meg Harvey, Donna Tiner and Travis Wood (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

Call to Order

Peter Geiger called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

MOVED by Alan Burton, seconded by Alyssa Wardwell, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the February 27, 2015 minutes as written.

Perkins Update – Donna Tiner:

- Reviewed materials sent out to schools. OMB circulars for post-secondary, higher education and adult education moved to conform to secondary standards. Secondary schools did not have much change in how they spend their money
- Received an estimate from OCTAE that they are anticipating flat funding for 2016 – same level as last year
- The third quarter ended on March 31 and the financial report will be brought forward to the SBE in May

CTE Mini Grants for Assessments and Lab Upgrades – Donna Tiner:

- 25 schools have applied for mini grants
- 6 have finalized and purchased equipment and/or assessments
- A meeting was held on Monday with State Directors and they were reminded that the applications need to be sent in as soon as possible

Early College Bridge-year Grant (not Perkins funds) – Donna Tiner:

- The first reports are due the end of May and Donna should have an update for the committee in June as to how many students are being served. She should have information on the first group that started last fall and how many credits they have received so far at the secondary level.

Assessment Work Update – Travis Wood:

- The assessment group is working to select assessment per program for MACTE (Maine Administrators of Career and Technical Education) approval. Once four programs have gone through the process and have the assessment teams suggested assessments, they will be presented to MACTE for approval.
- The considerations in selection are:
 - Cost
 - Availability for student (age and hours required)
 - Information gathered in the google doc survey (survey per instructor, per program)
 - Information gathered from tech update groups in October 2014
 - Information gathered from prior years
 - Auto body consideration-NA3SA (National Automotive Student Skills Standards Assessment) and NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) certification
 - Early Childhood Education consideration – NOCTI (National Occupational Competency Testing Institute) 4016 plus First Aid certification and CPR certification
- A pilot meeting with the Department of Labor is scheduled for today, April 3, 2015

Legislation Update – Meg Harvey:

- **LD 637: An Act Concerning the Calendars of Career and Technical Education Programs and Partnering Schools** – SUMMARY: This bill provides that the calendars of all schools affiliated with a career and technical education center or within a career and technical education region must be aligned within 5 to 7 days of each other and with the regional school calendar, depending upon the number of schools sending students to the regional school. (Update: Regional Calendar - increases dissimilar days for schools with increased sending schools - has not come to vote yet)
- **LD 856: An Act to Amend the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program To Allow for Participation in Early College and Career and Technical Education Programs** – SUMMARY: This bill expands the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program to include participants who are under 18 years of age if they are full-time secondary students at a public secondary school and enrolled in a career and technical education program at a career and technical education center or a career and technical education region and; 1) do not have a marketable postsecondary degree; 2) have income less than 200% of the federal poverty level; and 3) are applying for education or training for a job in an approved industry. The bill also directs the Commissioner of Labor to transfer funds from the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund to cover postsecondary education expenses for secondary students in a dual enrollment career and technical education program established pursuant to statute, also known as a “Bridge Year Program.” The provisions in the bill are repealed on January 1,

2021. (Update: Competitive Scholarship funds allows bridge students to apply – the public hearing is scheduled for March 30th)

- **LD 374: An Act to Require School Administrators To Complete 50 Hours of Direct Student Instruction To Be Recertified** - SUMMARY: This bill provides that, beginning July 1, 2017, the statutory provisions related to the renewal of certificates for school administrators are amended to include the completion of at least 50 hours of direct student instruction as a qualification for renewal of the administrator's certificate. The bill also directs the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to provisionally adopt rules related to the renewal of certificates for school administrators no later than December 31, 2016. (Update: requiring directors, superintendents and principals to spend 50 hours in classroom- has been tabled once - coming back further in session- possible 25 hour compromise)
- **LD 985: An Act to Align Maine's School Marketing Law with Current Federal Food Standards** - SUMMARY: This bill updates the school food and beverage marketing law by requiring the Department of Education, beginning October 1, 2015, to adopt rules regarding the marketing, advertising or promotion of food in school buildings and on school grounds to ensure compliance with the most recent federal regulations adopted pursuant to Section 204 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. It also requires the Department of Education to adopt rules prohibiting the marketing, advertising or promotion of beverages except for water, 100% juice and low-fat milk in school buildings or on school grounds. (Update: marketing food - make sure culinary does not market to students - no effect)
- **LD 515: An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Commercial Learner's Permits** -SUMMARY: This bill repeals the requirement that limits eligibility for a commercial learner's permit to an applicant 18 years of age or older in a section of law that takes effect July 8, 2015. (Update: truck driving permit language)

Handouts at Meeting (copies in file)

- State Grant Submission Changes for the Perkins 2015-2016 State of Maine Plan
- Program Year IX – (For Federal Funds to Become Available Beginning on July 1, 2015) Estimated FY 2016 CTE State Grants Based on FY 2015 Award
- Perkins Obligations
- Timeline – FY 2015 Grant/FY 2016 Grant
- Distribution of Title 1 © Career and Technical Education Funds to Eligible Recipients for the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 Grant Year under the Carl D. Perkins Act – Estimates from the Federal Department of Education
- Planning Instructions for the Carl D. Perkins Grant FY16 (for funds allocated for July 1, 2015)

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 538 at the Cross State Office Building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 AM.